



THE WILDFIRE RECOVERY ACT

**Introduced by Congressman Joe Neguse
& Congressman John Curtis (R-UT)**

The bipartisan **Wildfire Recovery Act** would increase flexibility in the federal cost share for Fire Management Assistance Grants (FMAG) to bring in additional resources for communities as they rebuild from wildfire damage.

Fire Management Assistance Grants provide reimbursement to communities for eligible costs to suppress fires that threaten to become a major disaster, including field camp expenses, equipment use and repair, mobilization, and other materials and supplies.

Currently, the cost share for FMAGs is set at an unchanging 75% federal/ 25% non-federal share. As fires continue to devastate our communities, providing more flexibility in the federal cost share in extreme circumstances will help support States and local governments.

Specifically, the bill:

- Establishes in statute that the federal cost share shall be no less than 75% for FMAGs, allowing flexibility for the federal share to be increased
- Requires FEMA to undertake a rulemaking to determine when they may recommend the federal cost share to be raised above 75%, taking into account the financial impacts to States and local governments

Companion legislation was introduced by Senator Alex Padilla (D-CA) in the 117th Congress. Read more [here](#).

Original Cosponsors: Lynch (D-MA), LaMalfa (R-CA), Cleaver (D-MO), Swalwell (D-CA), Garamendi (D-CA), Carbajal (D-CA), Stansbury (D-NM), Stanton (D-AZ), Holmes Norton (D-DC), Schrier (D-WA), Strickland, (D-WA) DeSaulnier (D-CA), Leger Fernandez (D-NM), B. Lee (D-CA), Jayapal (D-WA), Huffman (D-CA), Gallego (D-AZ), and Blumenauer (D-OR).

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